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SUBSTITUTE WOODEN PIPE FOR IRON PIPE

BEGIN SERIAL PRODUCTION OF WOODEN PIPE -- Belgrade, Politika, 6 Aug 51

Maribor, 5 August -- The Municipal Construction Enterprise Workshop in Maribor has recently begun the serial construction of wooden pipe which is to be used in water systems, sewage systems in industrial enterprises, and for pipelines, tubing, and other irrigation equipment. Having an internal diameter of 80 centimeters, this pipe withstands water pressure of 6 atmospheres. It is more flexible than iron pipe, and can withstand changes in temperature well. During September, production is to begin on wooden pipe with an internal diameter of 2 meters, which is to be used in hydroelectric power plants.

The production of wooden pipe as a substitute for iron pipe will result in savings of millions of dinars in foreign exchange credits, because Yugoslavia has had to export large quantities of wood to pay for the import of iron pipe.

The best material for this pipe is fir, spruce, and especially larch from the Pokljuka region in Gorenjsko and the hilly areas of Pohorje.

The pipe is not completely made of wood, but is reinforced with coils of steel wire wound around the exterior. The Municipal Construction Enterprise in Maribor will be able to produce about 400 meters of such pipe daily. Its workshop is to serve as a foundation for a projected factory in Maribor, which is to be able to fill the demand for wooden pipe in Yugoslavia.

ZAGORJE WATER SYSTEM BEING COMPLETED -- Zagreb, Vjesnik, 3 Jul 51

Split, 2 July -- In Sibenik and Drnis srezes, the Zagorje water system is under construction. Next to the Istrian system, this is the largest water system in Yugoslavia. By a system of pumping stations and reservoirs, water will be supplied from small Tora Lake on the left bank of the Krka River to the entire area between Drnis and Perkovic which has more than 40,000 inhabitants.

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Construction work on a pumping station at the lake, a residential building for engineers, and two reservoirs with a total capacity of 1,600 cubic meters have been completed. Seven and a half kilometers of conduit pipes have been laid and about 20 kilometers of excavation have been finished.

The new water system will be able to supply 50 liters of water per second.

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